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## Airman Battle Uniform Update

The Airman Battle Uniform continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's readily deployable Airmen. While the mandatory wear date for the ABU is November 2011, Airmen who deploy to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as those in basic military training, are being issued the new uniform.

As ABU supplies increase, AAFES distribution of the uniform will increase to reach more locations across the Air Force.

The following is the latest news on the ABU:

- The ABU is worn with desert sand (or similar color) crewneck T-shirt (cotton, polyester, poly/cotton, synthetic or moisture-wicking blend) and rigger belt. Either sage green or tan desert boots are authorized; however, sock color must match the boots.
- The ABU patrol cap is the authorized headgear, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Occupational badges and required duty badges are authorized; unit patches are not. Velcro is not authorized to affix accouterments.
- Alterations are authorized to improve fit, but must not change the intended appearance of the uniform. The sleeve crease may be re-ironed on a low setting to ensure enlisted sleeve chevrons are centered.
- ABU outer-garments include the all-weather coat, ABU improved rain suit (IRS) or All Purpose Environmental Clothing System (APECS), with or without liner, or hooded cold-weather parka. APECS liner is fleece black or sage green. Mixing camouflaged patterns is only authorized in the AOR until residual stock is depleted.
- Mock/Turtleneck in desert sand (or similar color) is authorized. Gloves and watch caps may be black, sage green or desert sand. Scarf color must match liner color.

For more information about the ABU, contact your local military personnel flight, or visit the Air Force Portal and type "uniform" in the search engine.

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